

EDITORIAL

The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Club met in Put-in-Bay at the F. T. Stone Laboratory of Ohio State University on August 11 and 12. In spite of transportation difficulties there was a good attendance at the meeting. Officers, and committee chairmen reported on their work, and some very fruitful discussions followed. Plans were studied for an annual meeting of all the members next year, and preliminary work was undertaken on a much-needed revision of the Club's constitution. The proposed changes will be published in the December issue of the *Bulletin* and will be brought up for action at the 1945 annual meeting.

We continue to receive letters from members who do not know how to borrow, or even whether they may borrow from the Wilson Club Library. For the benefit of new members and of old members who may have missed the explanation published in the September 1943 *Bulletin* (p. 208) we should point out that all members of the Club are entitled to borrow publications from the Library. The University of Michigan will pay transportation one way. Members are expected to return borrowed publications as soon as they are through using them so that they may be available to others, but it has not yet been necessary to set any definite time limit on loans. Requests for loans or questions about the library holdings should be addressed to "Wilson Ornithological Club Library, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan." A list of the Club's books was published in the September 1943 *Bulletin* and a second, supplementary list appears in the present issue (p. 181).

The Wilson Ornithological Club is indebted to its distinguished member and former president, Margaret M. Nice, for an important recent gift to the Library. The bare totals reported in the *Bulletin* will make it clear to members that this is numerically the largest single gift so far received, but the true importance of these accessions can be best understood by those who have seen them and noted the number of unusual and valuable publications included which are not found in most ornithological libraries. The book titles appear in our published lists; the pamphlets and periodicals will be listed later.

OBITUARY

J. Fletcher Street, well-known Philadelphia architect and ornithologist, died September 18, 1944, at the age of 64. He was the author of many scientific papers and of a book of more popular character, "Brief Bird Biographies." For the past two years he had been Treasurer of the American Ornithologists' Union.

E. C. Stuart Baker, foremost authority on the birds of India, died on April 16, 1944, in Upper Norwood, England, at the age of 79. In addition to his famous eight-volume work on the birds of British India, he published several books on Indian game birds and on the nesting habits of Indian birds. His last book, a notable study of "Cuckoo Problems," appeared in 1942.

William Lutley Sclater, distinguished British ornithologist, died in London June 6, 1944, in his eighty-first year. He edited *The Ibis* from 1913 to 1930 and wrote many important works on Old World birds, including the check-list of the birds of Africa. Students of American birds knew him best for his "History of the Birds of Colorado."